

# United States Senate

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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Michael Mabee  
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Dear Mr. Mabee:

Thank you for your recent correspondence to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) regarding your concern with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The Committee takes complaints against Members, officers, and employees of the Senate very seriously.

Senate Resolution 338, Section 2(a)(1), vests the Committee with the authority to:

receive complaints and investigate allegations of improper conduct which may reflect upon the Senate, violations of law, violations of the Senate Code of Official Conduct and violations of rules and regulations of the Senate, relating to the conduct of individuals in the performance of their duties as Members of the Senate, or as officers or employees of the Senate, and to make appropriate findings of fact and conclusions with respect thereto.

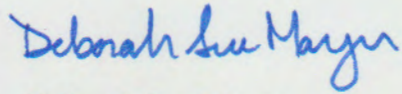
The Committee has previously addressed complaints concerning the way a Member carries out his or her responsibilities. In the absence of evidence of improper conduct or a violation of rule or law, it is each Member's prerogative to determine how those responsibilities will be conducted. A Member's votes, legislative actions, views, opinions, public statements, handling of constituent service requests, associations, and choice of appearances are the kinds of matters which the Committee considers to be within the discretion of each Member and which will generally not be reviewed or commented upon by the Committee. As the Committee has noted on numerous occasions in this regard, the final judgment with respect to such matters is reserved for a Member's constituents and voters.

The Committee has also previously concluded that mere allegations, with no evidence or information to support their substantive merit, are insufficient to warrant Committee action.



Based upon a review of the information which you have provided, and in view of the Committee's decisions respecting such matters, the Committee has concluded that no further action is appropriate and the matter is closed.

Sincerely,



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